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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

The Board of Managers have much pleasure in submitting to the Members of the Corporation and to the friends of the blind the Twenty-Third Annual Report of the School, and, in doing so, they desire to acknowledge with gratitude their indebtedness to a kind Providence for the many blessings enjoyed by the pupils, and for the deep and growing interest that is taken in the School by the many friends of the blind.

For the past eleven years education has been free to the blind of Nova Scotia by legislative enactment, and by the laws of New Brunswick the Blind of that Province are admitted to the School upon an equally liberal and satisfactory footing. The Legislatures of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland make annual per capitum grants for the education of their respective blind in this School; but so far no definite action has been taken to place these grants on a broad and permanent footing, such as that enjoyed by the blind of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The public Schools of Prince Edward Island as well as those of Newfoundland are in a healthy state of efficiency, and the children who attend these schools are not considered objects of charity because they do so.

These Provinces by legislative enactment ensured to those with sight the educational privileges which they enjoy, and all we ask for the blind is, that Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland should supplement the laws providing free education to those with sight by enacting laws which would permanently secure free education to those deprived of sight.

The question is not one of politics, but of justice, and the

attention of the Governments and Legislatures of the two Provinces named is respectfully directed to its early solution.

The sixteenth bulletin of the census of Canada, which deals with the blind, contains much general information as to their number, occupation, nationality, religion, etc., but it is of little practical use, except from a purely statistical standpoint. According to the bulletin there are in Nova Scotia 406 blind persons, in New Brunswick 252 and in Prince Edward Island 86, a total of 744.

In the United States all the information with respect to the blind gathered by the census is placed within reach of the superintendents of the respective Institutions and Schools for the Blind. By this arrangement the blind are directly benefited, as it enables the superintendents of Schools to communicate with them to arrange for the education and training of the young and to give encouragement and help to the adults.

It is with the utmost difficulty that we ascertain the whereabouts of blind children, and, as it is our desire that none of these should be allowed to grow up in ignorance, we regret that the particulars in the Canadian census of the blind should not in like manner be placed at the disposal of those engaged in their education and training. Through and by means of the public school teachers, clergymen, physicians, the press, circulars and private correspondence, the names of a fair percentage of the schoolable blind are obtained, but yet we know that many children never hear of the School until it is too late for them to take advantage of it. This is particularly true of these children who have sufficient sight to see light or even move about freely. Such persons are regarded by the public as sighted children, and, although they have not sufficient sight to enable them to attend the public schools, are not classified as Blind. We trust our friends throughout the four Maritime Provinces will give us their hearty co-operation by sending us the names of all persons in their respective communities who are totally or partially blind.

While the Board of Managers of this School recognize that the primary object of the Institution is to educate and train those who are born blind or those who lose their sight in early childhood, they, nevertheless, take a deep interest in those who by accident or disease lose their sight after they have attained to manhood or womanhood. In exceptional cases, adults have been admitted to our workshop and trained as basket-makers. But such a training would

be of little practical service to the great majority of the blind who lose their sight in middle-life or old age. It is therefore a source of gratification to your Board to know that through the efforts of the Superintendent, his estimable wife, and the hearty co-operation of the friends of the blind, a Home Teaching Fund has been permanently established and that active work in this new field of labor has already been commenced. With God's blessing, this fund may be the means of carrying hope and happiness to many a despondent mind; and through the fragrance of this fresh, sweet blossom of humanity, many a soul may be stirred to take up life anew, to accept the inevitable with humility and to manfully strive to overcome all obstacles and to conquer all difficulties.

Never before in the history of the Institution, has the School been in such a thorough state of efficiency. Not only among the pupils, but among the teachers there exists a healthy spirit of emulation, and both teacher and taught evince in a marked degree the strongest desire to excel. With our present corps of energetic and enthusiastic teachers working together with one purpose for a noble end, and in full sympathy with each other, the pupils are taught by precept and example to strive for that manhood and womanhood which can only be attained by the harmonious development of our triple natures.

During the year we have paid off the small balance of debt upon our new building, have made several internal improvements and alterations, and have increased the efficiency of the laundry. These improvements have added to the health and comfort of the teachers and pupils and to the economical working of the domestic department. The establishment throughout presents an air of cleanliness, comfort and convenience which reflects credit upon the Corporation as well as upon those upon whom has devolved the domestic superintendence. Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Blair, after having served the Institution faithfully for eighteen years, resigned their positions as steward and matron in June last, and in July returned to their former home in Onslow, N. S., carrying with them the best wishes of the Board of Managers, and of the officers, teachers and pupils with whom they had been associated.

In the month of September Miss C. M. Bowman was appointed matron of the School, and at once entered upon her duties. The supervisor of the domestic affairs of an establishment such as the School for the Blind requires special qualifications, the responsibilities are great, the daily

duties innumerable, and only when asleep can the matron be said to be "off duty." Miss Bowman has brought to her work, youth, health, vigor, ability, system, economy and the knowledge gained from two years residence within the Institution. After three months experience your Board feel satisfied that Miss Bowman's matronship will prove a blessing to the School.

In September last your Board of Managers authorized the Superintendent to engage an energetic man to take charge of the furnaces and grounds and to do what other work was required. This arrangement has been found to work satisfactorily.

The necessity having arisen for a separate play ground for the girls, a pretty lawn, with summer house, swing and little garden lots has been laid out on the western side of the grounds. A commencement has also been made in improving the front of the grounds; a driveway and other pathways have been made, grass beds cut and other portions of the grounds graded, so that within a year or two we hope to have the approach to the building neat and attractive. Other contemplated improvements will be carried out year by year.

During the year we have received from the Executors of the late Alex. K. Doull, Esq., the liberal bequest of $1,849.33, for which we are deeply grateful. This sum has been invested in good securities.

Your Board has found that even while exercising the greatest economy, it has not been able to bring out the balance on the right side. The present demands of this educational work are so imperative, and our desire to keep each department up to a high state of efficiency is so great, that we have been impelled to go forward with confidence, feeling certain that the record of the School and its growing needs will receive encouragement and support, and that we shall be enabled to keep the Institution up to its present high standard.

The Managers recognize in every department of the School the care and thought given to the work by the Superintendent, and, as foreshadowed in the last report, his appointment to the office of Secretary has resulted in an improved system of keeping the numerous household and other accounts, showing clearly what each department of the work is costing; the importance of which can hardly be over estimated in so large and growing an establishment.

The thanks of the Board of Managers are hereby ten-

dered to Drs. Lindsay, Dodge, Kirkpatrick and Cogswell for their kindly attention to the pupils. To H. B. Clarke, lessee of the Academy of Music, and to the Orpheus Club for tickets to entertainments. To a number of leading lecturers and musicians in Halifax for lectures and concerts given to the pupils in the Assembly Hall of the School; and to the railway, steamship and coach proprietors for privileges granted to our pupils.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. SILVER,
President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the President and Board of Managers of the School for the Blind.

GENTLEMEN:—

The table of attendanee herewith submitted shows that 54 blind persons have been under instruetion during the last year, 38 of whom were males and 16 females; 6 of these have sinee graduated or left the Sehool and 1 has been removed by death, making the total attendanee on Dee. 1st, 1893, 47, of whom 34 are males and 13 females; of these 24 are from the Province of Nova Seotia, 14 from New Brunswiek, 2 from Prinee Edward Island, and 7 from Newfoundland.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

	Boys.	Girls.	Adults.	Total.
Registered Dee. 1st, 1892	30	14	2	46
Entered during the year	5	2	1	8
Graduated or remained at home	3	2	1	6
Died during the year	0	1	0	1
Registered Dec. 1st, 1893	32	13	2	47

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

The work in this department has been reorganized upon a systematic and progressive basis, and, hereafter, graduating diplomas will be awarded to the pupils who have taken the full course of the Sehool and attained the requisite standard of excellenee. It is in this department, perhaps more than in any other, that we may reasonably antieipate the greatest development.

The instruetors of the blind have long reeognized the inadequaey of the edueational applianees in general use, and a strong effort is now being made to interest meehanieal experts in the question of providing the blind with eheap, durable and effieient sehool apparatus.

The introduction of the "Hall Braille Point Writer," by the use of which much tedious work can be dispensed with by the pupil, is the first great step in advance made during the past decade; and now that public interest has been aroused, it is to be hoped that many persons qualified to undertake the work, may be induced to devote time and attention to it, and thus aid the blind in reaching those higher professional walks in life, which they have the intellect and ability to pursue.

A blind child when entering our school, is first placed in the Kindergarten, where under the healthy influence of Froebel's system, the mind grows daily, the perceptions are quickened and the senses developed. Had Frederick Froebel been a talented and experienced teacher of the blind, he could not have introduced any system better adapted to the requirements of those deprived of sight than that of his Kindergarten Methods. These methods, amplified and adapted by the devoted teacher, make the earlier school life of a blind child a veritable pleasure garden in which are plucked the fruits of knowledge and the flowers of patience, perseverance and truthfulness. Upon this groundwork, the superstructure of his or her education is built up, and it would be strange indeed if our graduates, after having taken the full school course, should fall short of being good all-round men and women, and respected members of the communities with which they have become associated.

The personnel of the teaching staff in our literary department has entirely changed during the past year. Miss Kate Sutcliffe, after having performed a full year of excellent work, felt it to be her duty, for family reasons, to sever her connection with the School, which she did in February last, to the great regret of her co-workers and pupils.

Miss C. M. Bowman, after having been connected with the teaching staff for upwards of two years, resigned her position in August last, and in September was appointed Matron of the School, a position which she has since filled with entire satisfaction.

Mr. E. P. Fletcher, after having taught in the School for five years, resigned his position in June last, carrying with him the kindly thought and best wishes of our entire household. Mr. Fletcher purposes removing to the Canadian Northwest, where we earnestly hope he may find a wider sphere of usefulness for his talents, and may reflect credit upon this, his Alma Mater.

Under ordinary circumstances the School department

might have suffered greatly from such a sudden and complete change in the teaching staff, but I am pleased to state that we were particularly fortunate in securing the services of three competent teachers to fill the vacancies.

Miss Kate Fletcher came to us most highly recommended bySupervisor McKay as a zealous teacher and an enthusiastic Kindergartner. Since she has been with us Miss Fletcher has thrown her whole soul into the work, and has displayed more than ordinary adaptive ability in some of the classes under her instruction.

Miss C. R. Frame entered upon her duties as a teacher in September last. Miss Frame has a good record as a teacher, and possesses distinctive literary ability which has already gained for her a more than local reputation. Her work in this School has been undertaken with the full determination to make it a success.

Mr. S. R. Hussy, of Bonavista Bay, Nfld., graduated from the School in June last and at once received an appointment upon the teaching staff. During his School career, Mr. Hussy had ample opportunity for class instruction, and in assuming his new position he has done so with the full resolve that his lack of sight shall in no wise affect his competency or efficiency as a successful instructor of the blind.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

In this important department of our School the work has been carried on with energy and enthusiasm. Our own experience, as well as that of all sister institutions, proves conclusively that, when properly trained, those who are deprived of sight make first rate teachers of music, church-organists and piano-forte tuners. This being the case, the Institution would be derelict to its duty were it not to give to its pupils a systematic and comprehensive musical training. This it has done for many years, and with the growth of the School higher ideals of excellence and efficiency have been set, and a broader and more liberal musical education has been imparted. The department is under the direct control of Mr. A. M. Chisholm; and, inspired by him, the student, whether it be in band practice, singing-class, piano or other instrumental work, puts forth his best effort. He is not satisfied with the dull dead level of mediocrity, but presses forward with the assured conviction that work and will are invincible, and that with application an honorable professional career will open out before him.

Truly he is a born teacher who can inspire his pupils to apply themselves with assiduity, and unquestionably Mr. Chisholm can do this to a marked degree.

Hand in hand with our musical department is the tuning department, which is under the direction of Mr. D. M. Reid, who is himself a living illustration to his pupils of what probity and industry can do for a man despite the apparent disadvantage of blindness. Mr. Reid is one of the most successful piano-forte tuners in Nova Scotia, and those who graduate under his hands cannot fail to be a credit both to their instructor and to the School.

Miss Belle Durham, of Springhill, N. S., and Mr. J. Clifford Williston, of Newcastle, N. B., graduated at the close of the last school year. Miss Durham has settled at her home and has already secured a fair-sized class of music pupils; the number of her pupils will undoubtedly increase as her skill in teaching becomes better understood.

Mr. Williston writes in glowing terms of his prospects. Before the close of the year he anticipates having a very large class of private pupils in addition to a position as church organist and choir-master. Such reports as these, coming as they do within six months of graduation, are very gratifying, but still more gratifying are the reports which come to us year by year from our former graduates, reports breathing confident self-reliance and expressing gratitude for the lives of usefulness which the training in this School has made possible.

WORK DEPARTMENT.

No special change has been found requisite in this department. Mr. D. A. Baird has been daily at his post giving instruction in willow basket-making and chair-seating to a number of pupils. One of these, Wm. Hulen, of Bay St. George, Nfld., who is deaf, dumb and blind, is a particularly bright and interesting pupil; he has already mastered the intricacies of cane-seating chairs and has made an excellent start in willow basket-making. Under the intelligent direction of Mr. Baird, thorough first-class workmen are being turned out, and many blind persons enabled to maintain themselves.

One of the graduates of this department, Wm. A. Huntingdon, of Campbellton, N. B., graduated at the close of the last school year, and having secured a set of tools and

models and a supply of material, he has opened a workshop in his native town and anticipates a brisk business.

It is to be regretted that for the past three months our pupils have been without instruction in the Sloyd System of Manual Training. This is due to the difficulty of obtaining a suitable teacher. It is quite evident that if we are to keep this School abreast of the times we must make some provision for the teaching of Sloyd to our pupils, and with this in view, arrangements have been made for Mr. G. N. Towell to take a full course under a competent instructor with a view to his taking charge of our classes in Sloyd. Mr. Towell, who is a graduate of this School, has recently recovered almost perfect sight and is employed in the Institution.

Under the able instruction of Miss Bella Bowman, the girls' work-class has made satisfactory progress. A systematic course of instruction in sewing, the use of the sewing machine, bead, knitting and fancy work has been drawn out, and each pupil, during her time at the School, is expected to complete this course. Many of our girls while in the School, and after graduating, earn no inconsiderable sum of money by the work of their hands; and hence it is deemed most important that this department should be kept up to a high state of efficiency.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

Among the thoughts uppermost in the minds of those intrusted with the education and training of the blind, one is ever present, viz: the after success of the pupils.

The number of callings which the blind at present follow with success is comparatively limited, and it is our duty if possible to open up new fields for employment, wherein those deprived of sight can find suitable and profitable occupation. Experimental work in such a field is now being made in this School. Mr. S. Harrivel, who graduated from this Institution in 1892, has for several years been an ardent student of electricity and electrical appliances. He has without sighted assistance manufactured telephones, electric bells, and many ingenious devices; and has constructed dynamos, friction batteries, and other appliances. At his earnest request, twenty of the pupils, divided into four classes, have been placed under his instruction, and believing that what can be done by himself can be done by the pupils in the School, he feels confident that the blind can be trained to set up and repair telephones, to manufacture and

put in electric bells, and to otherwise find employment in the ever widening field of electricity.

If Mr. Harrivel's pupils can attain to one tithe of the energy, theoretical knowledge, and practical skill that he himself possesses, the new departure will prove an unqualified success.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

The school or college in which physical culture is neglected cannot achieve one half of the good results that it might otherwise achieve were the development of the body to proceed side by side with that of the mind.

In schools for the blind physical training is an absolute necessity, and for years this has been recognized by us. During the winter the pupils are trained in the gymnasium by Sergeant-Major Kelly, and the freedom and fearlessness with which they vault, climb, circle and somersault, proves conclusively that they enter into the exercises with spirit. While this is true, it must be remembered that even the class work is largely individual, that no spirit of emulation is aroused, and hence that only a degree of pleasurable excitement is experienced. From the ordinary out door sports the blind are almost completely cut off, unless it be from those of skating, rowing and running. Our beautiful playground affords ample opportunity for walking and racing, but during the winter months no such exercise can be taken. In order to provide pleasurable exercise during the season, an open-air skating rink has been constructed in the playground 125 feet in length, and the same in breadth. This, we anticipate, will be a boon to the pupils, who always appreciate the efforts that are made to advance their mental or physical well-being.

BOOKS AND BOOK-MAKING.

Books are like eyes to the blind; they paint in words many grand pictures which stir the imagination and quicken the appreciation of the world without. To learn from "these monuments of varnished minds" the great truths of nature is a constant delight and joy to one deprived of sight. To be read to aloud by teachers or friends, or to read for themselves, from the books in our library, is one of the greatest pleasures that our pupils have open to them. The avidity with which our library books are read is proved by a reference to the Library Record, which shows that in the past

twelve months 71 persons have drawn from the library 843 books printed on Braille Point or in Dr. Moon's characters.

It has been our aim to both increase the size of the library and at the same time place upon its shelves a number of books suited to the taste and age of young blind children. This has been accomplihsed by a number of ladies, who have together formed a Library League for the purpose of dictating and having written out by the graduates such books as have been selected. Ladies resident in other places in which our graduates are living have become associated with the League, and during the year twenty volumes of very attractive reading have been added to our catalogue. The ladies willingly give their time to the dictation of these books, and the graduates receive a small remuneration for their labor. And thus the subscriptions toward the "Library Fund," acknowledged elsewhere, have served a double purpose. They have enabled us to increase our library, and at the same time enabled some of our graduates to turn their skill in punctography to profitable account.

HOME TEACHING.

In the last annual report, I directed the attention of the friends of the blind to the urgent needs of those who lose their sight in middle life or old age. That appeal, brief though it may have been, touched a responsive chord in the hearts of many persons, and hence when an organized effort to raise funds was made, it met with a generous response and was enthusiastically seconded throughout Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

The method for raising this fund varied in different places; concerts, tea-meetings and other forms of entertainment were taken advantage of, but the "Doll's Carnival" which was exhibited in twenty-five of the principal cities and towns, in connection with local bazaars, strawberry festivals, etc., brought in returns which at once surprised and delighted the promoters of this fund. In another place will be found a grateful acknowledgement of the receipts on account of the Home Teaching Fund. These receipts amounted to $3,656.61. The expenses on general account, travelling of agent, etc., were $520.08, leaving a balance of $3,136.53. Of this amount $3,058.19 has been invested in the names of Thomas Ritchie, Q.C., and C. F. Fraser, Superintendent of the Halifax School for the Blind, trustees of the Home Teaching Fund for the Blind. The balance with the

current interest will be expended in sending teachers to such of the adult blind as require help, and in otherwise forwarding their interests. For this grand result our thanks are more particularly due to the ladies who threw their hearts into the undertaking and insured success from the outset.

In concluding, I beg to express my appreciation of the deep interest evinced in the education of the blind by the members of the Board of Managers. I have always been deeply grateful for your sympathy, support and encouragement in carrying on this great work, but as the Institution grows and its sphere of usefulness enlarges, I feel more and more thankful for the hearty and earnest co-operation of your Board, and I can assure you that the standing of the School to-day is due in no small measure to your far-sighted liberalism and unswerving faith in the ability of the educated blind to win for themselves honest and honorable livelihoods.

All of which is faithfully submitted.

C. F. FRASER,
Superintendent.

Register of Pupils in Attendance, Dec. 1st, 1893.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Name.	Place.	Municipality.
Martha Robertson	Glengary	Pictou
Eunice Legge	Scotts Bay	Kings
Freela Kaulback	New Germany	Lunenburg
Blanche Brewster	Ross Creek	Kings
Florence Flinn	Halifax City	
Lucy Gammon	Tor Bay	Guysboro
Wm. H. D. Johnston	Westville	Pictou
Geo. Steele	Stewiacke	Colchester
Samuel Stewart	Westville	Pictou
Simon Chisholm	West Cariboo	Pictou
Ralph Giffin	Isaacs Harbor	Guysboro
Geo. Corning	Brookville	Yarmouth
Edward Blackburn	Halifax City	
Hudson Smith	Trenton	Pictou
Thos. Hubley	Halifax City	
Robt. Finlayson	Truro	Colchester
Wm. Walsh	Halifax City	
Ernest Ogilvie	Harborville	Kings
Wm. McKenzie	Malagawatch	Inverness
Sylvain Lefave	Belleville	Yarmouth
Lewis Fletcher	De Bert	Colchester
Thomas Fletcher	"	"
Charles Kaulback	New Germany	Lunenburg
Roderick McDonald	Monks Head	Antigonish

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Alma Campbell	Campbell Settlement	Sussex
Maude McTavish	Red Bank	Northumberland
Adelaide Burlock	Forreston	Carleton
Mary McDonald	Welsford	Queens
Martha Rankine	Chipman	"
James Upham	Prosser Brook	Albert
Jacob Wilson	St. John City	

Name.	Place.	Municipality.
Frederick Campbell..	Campbell Settlement...	Sussex
Beverley Campbell...	" " ...	"
Frank Nixon	Aberdeen	.....Carleton
James Steeves	Coverdale	.....Albert
Arthur Duffy	Hillsboro'	..... "
Stanley Day	Moncton	.....Westmorland
James Graves	Elgin	.....Albert

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Lilian Breaker	St. John's
Ella Casey	"
Stephen Hulen	St. George's Bay
Wm. Heulin	" " "
Thos. Davis	Harbor Grace
Walter Barnes	St. John's
Michael Parnell.....	Petty Harbor

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Wm. Farrel	Sturgeon
Vernor Jones	Pownell

ENTERED DURING THE YEAR.

Lucy Gammon	Tor Bay, N. S.
Ella Casey	St. John's, Nfld.
Thomas Fletcher.....	De Bert, N. S.
Charles Kaulback ...	New Germany, N. S.
Roderick McDonald.	Monks Head, N. S.
James Graves	Elgin, N. B.
Vernor Jones	Pownell, P. E. I.
Michael Parnell.....	Petty Harbor, Nfld.

GRADUATED OR REMAINED AT HOME.

Isabelle Durham ...	Springhill, N. S.
Geo. Towell	Halifax City.
Jessie McArthur	Sussex, N. B.
Clifford Williston....	Newcastle, N. B.
Wm. Huntingdon...	Campbellton, N. B.
Samuel Hussy	Bonavista Bay, Nfld.

DIED DURING THE YEAR.

Alberta Eagles .....Eagles Settlement, N. B.

PRIZES.

Literary Department.

1st Division.

1*st Prize*—Samuel Hussey, Bonavista Bay, Nfld.
2*nd Prize*—Harry Johnstone, Westville, Pictou Co., N. S.

2nd Division.

Maude McTavish, Red Bank, Northumberland, N. B.

3rd Division.

Martha Rankine, Chipman, N. B.

Musical Department.

Clifford Williston, Newcastle, N. B.

School for the Blind in Account with John Duffus, Treasurer.

CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1892.	Cr.			1893.	Dr.		
Dec. 1.	By Balance		$ 353 99	Dec. 1.	To House Expenses, including salaries to Matron and Servants	$4918 42	
1893.					" Salaries to Supt. & Teachers	2449 85	
Dec. 1.	" Interest and Dividends	$2277 63			" Repairs to Buildings	416 61	
	" Donations and Thanksgiving Contributions	127 30			" Grounds	100 99	
	" Grant N. S. Govt. and Municipalities	2566 21			" Printing, paper & stationery	130 91	
	" Grant N. B. Govt. and Municipalities	2318 55			" Music and musical instruments	8 84	
	" Grant P. E. I. Govt	149 62			" Prizes	18 00	
	" " Nfld. Govt	900 00			" Board of Adult Pupils	100 00	
			8339 31		" School supplies	112 99	
	" Transfer from Investment Ac.		226 33		" Sundry expenses	104 54	
	" Balance due Bank		723 94				$8361 15
			$9643 57		" Extraordinary repairs		1282 42
							$9643 57
					" Balance due Bank	$ 723 94	

Owing to a change in the date of payments, the full amount due by Nova Scotia was not received during the financial year of the School.

School for the Blind in Account with John Duffus, Treasurer.

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

1893.	Cr.		
Dec. 1.	By Legacy A. K. Doull Estate...	$1849 33	
	" " Sir Ed. Kenny Estate	400 00	
	" Deposit receipts cashed.....	1000 00	
			$3249 33

	Dr.		
	To deposit receipts purchased...	$1000 00	
	" Invested in City Debentures.	2023 00	
	" Transferred to Current Ac...	226 33	
			$3249 33

RECAPITULATION.

1892.	Cr.		
Dec. 1.	By Balance		$ 353 99
1893.			
Dec. 1.	" Revenue.....	8339 31	
	" Investment Ac.....	3249 33	
	" Balance due Bank.....	723 94	
			$12666 57

1893.	Dr.		
Dec. 1.	To current expenses.....	8361 15	
	" Extraordinary repairs.....	1282 42	
	" Investments.....	3023 00	
			$12666 57
	" Balance due Bank.....	$723 94	

E. & O. E.
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8th, 1893.

Examined and found correct.

W. H. NEAL,
GEO. MITCHELL, } Auditors.

PATRONS.

By-Laws, Art. 1.—The payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a Patron of the Institution.

William Cunard, Esq.

LIFE MEMBERS.

By-Laws, Art. 2.—Donors of twenty-five dollars at one time, and members who have served the office of Manager not less than three consecutive years, shall be constituted life members of the Association.

Hon. W. J. Stairs, Halifax.
J. Duffus, "
William Hare, "
Edward Albro, "
Hon. D. McN. Parker, "
John Doull, "
Adam Burns, "
Wm. Esson, "
J. B. Bland, "
James Scott, "
R. B. Sceton, "
G. C. Harvey, "
W. C. Silver, "
Stephen Tobin, "
W. Compton, "
Hon. S. L. Shannon, "
E. J. Lordly, "
W. H. Stimpson, "
John Farquharson, "
C. F. Fraser, "
John H. Symons, "
Jairus Hart, "
Chas. Cogswell, M. D., "
B. W. Chipman, "
W. H. Neal, "
John Silver, "
T. V. Woolrich, "
W. H. Newman, "
W. H. Creighton, "
T. E. Everett, "
H. P. Burton, "
M. H. Richey, "
J. C. Mackintosh, "
James R. Lithgow, "
George Mitchell, Halifax.
Hon. H. H. Fuller, "
E. B. Sutcliffe, "
Michael Dwyer, "
T. E. Kenny, M. P. "
R. I. Hart, "
Thos. Ritchie, Q. C. "
C. F. Mott, "
E. P. Archbold, "
Archbishop O'Brien, "
Robert Pickford, "
W. A. Black, "
Roderick McDonald, "
Levi Hart, "
Wiley Smith, "
Wm. Robertson, "
Wm. Chisholm, "
John White, "
Wm. J. Butler, "
C. W. Anderson, "
W. N. Wickwire, M. D., "
S. S. Forrest, "
A. N. Whitman, "
Hon. M. B. Daly, "
J. Walter Allison, "
A. Gunn, "
Mrs. Keith, "
Edwin J. Miller, "
Wm. H. Webb, "
Jas. H. Augwin, "
John F. Stairs, M. P., "
J. Welsey Smith, "
H. N. Paint, Port Hawkesbury, C. B.
George Thompson, Wolfville.
W. B. Rankin, St. John, N. B.
Wm. Turnbull, "
James F. Robertson, "
Joseph Allison, "
Miss Killam, Yarmouth, N. S.
Hon. L. E. Baker, "
Joseph Bingay, "
Wm. Law, "
E. F. Clements, "
A. P. Prowse, "
W. H. Chase, Port Williams, N. S.
Wm. Curry, Windsor, N. S.
W. E. Dawson, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
G. E. Coulthard M. D., Fredericton, N. B.
A. F. Randolph, Fredericton, N. B.
J. L. Black, Sackville, N. B.
M. A. Buckley, Santa Cruz, Cal.
Lieut.-General Montgomery-Moore, Halifax.
J. C. Dumaresq, Halifax.
John Cronan, "
Alex. Gibson, Marysville, N.B.
Lieut.-General Lord Alex. Russell, G. B.
Capt. Lowry, 47th Regt. "
Sir Patrick McDougall, K.C.B. G. B.
Lieut. Thos. A. W. Cochran, R. N., G. B.
Sir John Ross, K. C. B., G. B.

MEMBERS.

By-Laws, Art. 2.—Any subscriber to the funds of the Institution to the amount of five dollars or upwards may be constituted a member, on motion of a member of the Board of Managers at one of their regular monthly meetings, and so continue during the annual payment of five dollars.

Prof. Johnson
Prof. Chas. Macdonald
A. P. Reid, M. D.
Mrs. C. C. Blackadar

LEGACIES.

1867—Wm. Murdock, Halifax	$19	66	67
1871—Jane Molloy, Halifax	88	77	
1872—Robt. Noble, "	100		
1874—R. Purvis, Pugwash	100		
1875—Jas. McDonald, Green Hill, Pictou	150		
1876—Miss Jane M. Tonge, Windsor	20		
N. L. West, Halifax	800		
1877—J. M. Walker, "	500		
1878—W. L. Black, "	250		
1879—Chas. Roche, "	100		
Miss Service, "	400		
1880—Mrs. Williamson "	200		
G. Frieze, Maitland	100		
Ann Wilson, Halifax	100		
1881—Ann Hunter, "	20		
1882—John Saunders, Burlington, Hants Co.	416	36	
John King, Halifax	600		
W. P. West, "	1000		
1883—Jos. Hart, Baddeck	100		
Mrs. G. Gunn, Halifax	40		
1884—Hugh Elliot, "	100		
Alex. McLeod, "	100		
1885—Jas. Thomson, "	100		
H. Hesslein, "	100		
1886—S. S. B. Smith, "	100		
A. Shields, Dartmouth	553		
Jas. G. Merkel, Halifax	50		
1887—J. C. Macdonald, Halifax	$ 50		
W. H. Merkel, "	50		
Jas. A. Buist, "	500		
Mrs. M. J. Hamilton, Halifax	50		
Mrs. Jer. Northup, Halifax	200		
Mrs. E. Binney, Halifax	500		
1888—J. W. Metzler, "	40		
J. U. Ross, "	50		
1889—Mrs. W. L. Wilmot, Fredericton, N. B.	250		
Miss Elinor Smith, Summerville, Hants Co.	16	75	
Jas. F. Avery, M. D., Halifax	500		
S. A. White, Halifax	1000		
John Gibson, "	1000		
1890—G. G. Gray, "	100		
Finlay Campbell, Charlottetown, P. E. I.	100		
J. P. Mott, Dartmouth	3000		
1891—M. P. Black, Halifax	500		
G. G. Gray, "	81	07	
John Naylor, "	500		
1892—John P. Mott, Dartmouth	11876	66	
John Naylor, Halifax	26	75	
Sir Ed. Kenny, "	400		
1893—A. K. Doull, "	1849	33	

FORM OF LEGACY.

I hereby give and bequeath to "The Halifax School for the Blind," Halifax, Nova Scotia, and their successors, forever, (if real estate) all that, etc., (if personal) the sum of, etc., to be used for the general purposes of the Institution.

DONATIONS AND THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS.

United Church, New Glasgow, N. S.	$66 85
Truro Mass Meeting	16 80

Acknowledgments.

The Board of Managers and Superintendent of the School for the Blind gratefully acknowledge the following contributions toward the Building Fund.

PREVIOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGED.

Halifax, N. S.	$2,999 50	Montague Bridge, P. E. I.	$ 32 00
Amherst,	254 00	North Sydney, C. B.,	117 00
Annapolis,	39 75	New Glasgow,	104 00
Aylesford,	23 15	Newcastle, N. B.,	38 00
Albert, N. B.,	13 00	Noel, Hants Co.,	2 30
Acadia Mines,	5 00	Oxford,	9 67
Bridgewater,	97 00	Pownell, P. E. I.	5 00
Bear River,	19 00	Port Mulgrave,	7 00
Barrington Head,	21 50	Port Williams,	35 00
Berwick,	19 30	Pictou,	174 90
Brass Hill,	2 50	Port Medway,	22 00
Bridgetown,	20 55	Port Hawkesbury,	10 27
Cape Sable Island,	3 50	Pugwash,	7 00
Caledonia,	14 25	Petite River,	22 00
Cow Bay, C. B.,	11 70	River John, Pictou Co.	28 15
Canso,	6 00	Sackville, N. B.,	116 11
Chester,	8 00	Summerside, P. E. I.	42 00
Charlottetown, P. E. I.	321 75	Sheffield Mills,	1 00
Chatham, N. B.,	91 50	Shubenacadie,	18 00
Digby,	33 00	Sherbrooke,	10 00
Dartmouth,	30 00	Salmon River, Hx Co.	25 25
Dorchester, N. B.,	22 00	Stellarton,	76 00
Economy,	19 30	Souris, P. E. I.	30 00
Five Islands,	5 25	St. John, N. B.,	496 54
Fredericton, N. B.,	423 86	St. Stephen, N. B.,	53 00
Guysboro,	7 00	St. Andrews, "	15 00
Gairloch, Pictou Co.	6 50	Sussex, "	13 50
Great Village,	17 00	Surrey, "	2 00
Hantsport,	18 00	Tatamagouche,	14 00
Hubbard's Cove,	4 00	Tusket,	2 00
Hillsboro, N. B.,	20 25	Truro,	140 00
Hopewell Cape	13 00	Vogler's Cove,	5 00
Kentville,	57 27	Valley Field,	15 00
Londonderry,	20 00	West River, P. E. I.	2 00
Liverpool,	6 00	Whycocomagh, C. B.	10 50
Moncton, N. B.,	144 41	Weymouth,	36 50
Murray Harbor, P. E. I.	50 00	Westville,	200 50
Middleton,	48 00	Windsor,	171 05
Milton,	13 00	Wallace,	16 50
Mahone Bay,	81 47	Wolfville,	20 00
Maitland,	55 00	Woodstock, N. B.	26 50
Montreal,	10 00	Yarmouth,	423 93

CONTRIBUTED IN 1893.

Halifax, N. S.

J. C. Dumaresq $155 00

Marysville, N. B.,

Alexander Gibson $25 00

Moncton, N. B., $11.00.

Rev. E. B Hooper $5 00
T. B Cook 5 00
W. E. Bishop 1 00

St. John, N. B., $5.50.

Small sums $3 50
A. A. Stockton 2 00

Hillsboro, N. B., $6.00.

W. J Lewis $5 00
George Carlisle 1 00

Truro, N. S., $5.00.

E. A Lawrence $4 00
J. Moorman 1 00

Fredericton, N. B.

B. H. Torrens $2 00

Dorchester, N. B.

C. E. Napp $2 00

St. Stephen, N. B., $2.00.

W. H. Clark $1 00
W. H Stephens 1 00

Sackville, N. B.

H. A Powell $1 00

Albert, N. B.

P. W. F. Brewster $1 00

Charlottetown, P. E. I.

J. McPhail $2 00

Pictou, N. S.

Small sums $1 50

Amherst, N. S.

Miss Atkinson $1 00

Thos. Ritchie, Q. C., and C. F. Fraser, M. A., trustees of the Home Teaching Fund for the Blind, gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following sums.

Halifax,	per	Mrs. C. F. Fraser	$ 703 33
Dartmouth,	"	Miss Nellie Dustan	165 24
Amherst,	"	Miss Laura Johnston	181 00
St. John,	"	Lady Tilley	230 88
St. Stephen,	"	Mrs. Goucher	54 00
St. Andrews,	"	Miss Stevenson	60 00
Woodstock,	"	Mrs. Chas. McLean	119 25
Fredericton,	"	Miss Helen Sterling	322 14
Newcastle,	"	Miss Mary Davison	20 23
Sackville,	"	Rev Cecil Wiggins	37 00
Dorchester,	"	Mrs. J. B. Forster	84 56
Moncton,	"	Mrs. T. V. Cook	123 18
Summerside,	"	Mrs. David Rogers	40 75
Pictou,	"	Mrs Clarence Primrose	115 72
New Glasgow,	"	Miss C. Carmichael	100 00
Truro,	"	Mrs. Kaulbach	63 50

Windsor,	per	Miss Mary Dimock	147 67
Wolfville,	"	Mrs Geo. Thompson	66 00
Kentville,	"	Mrs Chipman	52 00
Yarmouth,	"	Mrs. Geo Farish	435 00
Weymouth,	"	Mrs Charles Burrel	83 39
Digby,	"	Miss Maud Mumford	31 00
Bridgewater,	"	Miss Jennie Hunter	51 25
Lunenburg,	"	Miss Jessie Lindsay	99 00
Shelburne,	"	Mrs. Frank Blanchard	49 70
Amherst,	"	A quartette of little girls	3 75
"	"	A sextette of little boys	3 25
Pictou,	"	Misses Gordon & Glover	7 70
Hubbard's Cove,		Mrs Shatford	1 00
Rothesay,		Miss Bessie Robertson	5 00
Isaac's Harbor,	per	Rev D. Price	26 00
Guysboro,		Mrs. Burton Jost	2 00
Bathurst,	per	Miss A. Ferguson	9 00
Gagetown,		Mrs. Tibbits	1 00
"		Mrs Peters	1 00
Hampton,		Mrs. G. O. D Otty	5 00
Douglastown,	per	Miss Annie B Yorston	7 00
Montague, P E I.	per	Mrs. Robertson	29 73
Cheverie,		Miss B. Burgess	3 00
Lawrencetown,		Mrs. Sellars	5 00
Red Bank Sunday School,	per	I. Fraser	8 00
Halifax,		Mrs W J Stairs	5 00
"		Mrs C. C Blackadar	2 00

Total		$3656 61
By general expenses	$ 520 08	
" Investments	3058 19	
		3578 27
Balance		$ 78 34

LIBRARY FUND.

The Superintendent of the Halifax School for the Blind gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following sums towards the Library Fund of the School.

Halifax Girls' Literary Club	$ 33 00
A Friend	5 00
Little Burden Bearers, St. John	5 03
Miss Maude Narraway	5 00
Epworth League, Brunswick St Church, Halifax	3 75
Y. P. S. C E., Logan's Tannery, Pictou	3 75
" " Scotsburn, Pictou	2 00
Epworth League, Grafton St Church, Halifax	4 10
Lorena Roy	30
Y. P S C E., DeBert	2 50
Proceeds of an evening with Dickens, per Miss M. Palmer, Charlottetown	60 00
Y. P. S. C. E., North Park St. Church, Halifax	2 50
Miss Creer, Orangeville, N. J	2 00

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Halifax School for the Blind.

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that an institution for the reception, maintenance and education of blind persons should be established in the City of Halifax, and it is desirable that such institution should be founded and carried on by individual enterprise and voluntary association:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:—

1.—When it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor-in-Council, that no less than twelve persons have associated themselves for the above object, and subscribed the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and paid thereon into the hands of the Treasurer, by them appointed, the sum of two thousand dollars, the Governor-in-Council shall by proclamation declare this Act to have come into operation, and thereupon immediately thereafter such persons, and all such other persons as shall from time to time become associated with them, their successors and assigns, shall be and are hereby incorporated into a company and declared to be a body corporated by the name "The Halifax School for the Blind," and by that name shall have succession and be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, defending and being defended in all courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, matters, complaints and clauses whatsoever; may have and use a common seal, and may change and alter the same at their pleasure; and shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveying any real and personal estate for the purposes of this incorporation, and none other, which shall not exceed the annual value of ten thousand dollars.

2.—For the better carrying into effect the objects of the said incorporation, there shall annually be elected twelve persons, who shall constitute a Board of Managers, who shall have power to conduct and manage all its concerns, the Managers to be elected by ballot at an annual meeting of the members of the Society, to hold their offices for one year, or until others be elected in their places; the said election

to be held at such time and places as the said corporation shall by their by-laws from time to time appoint and direct; the aforesaid Managers shall be elected by a majority of the members present at such election; and in case of any vacancy or vacancies in the said Board of Managers, by death, resignation or otherwise, then the said Board shall have power to fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next annual election.

3.—The Board of Managers shall, as soon after the annual election as shall be convenient, proceed to elect by ballot, from among their own number, a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and two Secretaries, who shall serve for one year, or until others are elected in their room; and the first election of Managers and Officers shall take place on a day to be fixed by the Governor-in-Council, in the proclamation aforesaid.

4.—The Board of Managers, so elected as aforesaid, shall have full power to make such by-laws as from time to time may be necessary, relative to the management, disposition of the estate and concerns of the said corporation, and regulations of the persons exercising the offices aforesaid, not contrary to law, and may appoint such agents and servants as may be deemed necessary to transact the business of the said corporations and designate their duties.

5.—It shall be lawful for the City of Halifax to transfer by deed duly executed to the "Halifax School for the Blind," either by way of gift or for valuable consideration, any land or hereditaments now vested in the said City of Halifax, either by Act of this Province or by purchase, so that the value of such land and hereditaments shall not exceed in the whole the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

6.—The Managers of the said Institution shall, on or before the first day of February in each year, make a full report to the Governor-in-Council of their proceedings.

7.—Whereas, the Halifax School for the Blind, in the City of Halifax, receives pupils from the adjacent provinces, and it is desirable that arrangements be made for securing proper representation on the Board of Managers for such provinces as may be willing to make satisfactory contributions to the school funds,

Be it enacted therefore by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:

Whenever it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Board of Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind, that the Government of the Province of New Brunswick, or the Government of the Province of Prince Edward Island, or the Government of the Colony of Newfoundland, are willing to make provision for the education and support at said School of pupils from their province or colony, the said Board of Managers may enlarge their number by appointing to the Board the Premier or recognized first minister of the Government of such province or colony, who shall thereupon be *ex officio* a member of the said Board, and the Board may provide that, in the absence of the official so named, any other member of the government of such province or colony may act as a substitute, and represent his government at any meeting of the Board.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1.

This Association shall, conformable to the Amended Act of Incorporation, 30 Victoria, C. 50, be styled "The Halifax School for the Blind."

Article II.—Membership.

All original subscribers to the fund for erecting the School for the Blind within the City of Halifax shall be and continue members of this Association as long as they contribute the sum of one dollar or upwards to the support of the Institution.

Any subscriber to the funds of the Institution to the amount of five dollars or upwards may be constituted a member of the Board of Managers at one of their regular monthly meetings, and so continue during his annual payment of five dollars.

Donors of twenty-five dollars at one time, and members who have served the office of Manager not less than three consecutive years, shall thereby be constituted life members of the Association.

Payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a patron of the Association.

Patrons and members shall have the right of voting at the election of Managers, and shall themselves be eligible.

Article III.—Management.

The Management of the Institution shall be entrusted to a Board of twelve members, who shall choose from their own number a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary.

An annual meeting for the election of the Board of Management shall be held on such day of the second week of the last month of the year as the Board of Managers may appoint, due notice thereof being given in two at least of the Halifax newspapers. Any number of persons present in a half hour from the time named in such notice shall be a quorum for the election of Managers, and the transaction of any business to be passed upon at such annual meeting; but any five members then present may, if they deem the business to require it, demand an adjournment to some other day or hour within one week therefrom, and the same shall stand adjourned accordingly, and the business so postponed shall at the first adjourned meeting be first taken up and finally disposed of.

If for any reason the election of Managers be, pursuant to the foregoing provision or otherwise, postponed, the Managers of the preceding year shall hold office until the new Board be elected.

The Board of Managers shall have power to supply vacancies occurring therein between the periods of the annual elections.

At the annual meeting the votes shall be taken by ballot, and the first twelve persons named on a list made in the order of the number of votes given for them respectively, beginning with the largest number of votes so on to the least, shall constitute the Board of Managers.

Article IV.—By-Laws.

The power of making, amending and repealing by-laws, and regulations for their own guidance and the government of the Institution, and the appointment and removal of all officers, and regarding salaries and allowances, is vested in the Board of Management, but no by-law once passed shall be altered or repealed except on a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board present at a regular monthly meeting thereof, and after notice of such alteration or repeal given at next preceding monthly meeting.

Article V.—Amendments.

The foregoing articles, together with the provisions contained in the Act of Incorporation, are declared to be the Constitution of the "Halifax School for the Blind," and no alteration shall be made therein except by a vote of two-thirds of the persons present at an annual meeting of the Corporation upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, of which at least one month's notice in writing shall be given to the patron or member, and mailed at Halifax, or left at his place of business or abode.

BY-LAWS.

BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING.

I.—Stated Meetings.

The Board shall hold a stated meeting at the Institution on the first Monday of every month, except when such Monday shall fall on a public holiday, then on the day following, and at such hours as they may from time to time appoint.

II.—Special Meetings.

Special meetings may be convened by request of the President or three members of the Board, the time, place and object to be specified in such request, and inserted in the notice of meeting by the Secretary.

At least twenty-four hours' notice of special meeting shall be given, and no business other than that specified in the notice shall be transacted.

III.—Quorum.

Five of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

IV.—Presiding Officer.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he may be present, and shall be *ex officio* member of all standing committees. In his absence the Vice-President shall represent him, as well at standing committees as at the Board. In the absence of both President and Vice-President from any meeting of the Board, the chair shall be taken by the first named on the list of Managers present at the hour for commencing business.

V.—Committees.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Board of Managers at the first meeting in each year:—

(1) *Finance*—

A Committee of Finance, consisting of the President, Treasurer and four members of the Board, whose duty it shall be to devise and recommend ways and means for securing and preserving the financial prosperity of the Institution, to examine and certify the correctness of the Treasurer's annual report, and at the end of every year prepare and submit a full and clear report of the financial condition of the Institution.

Every Standing Committee shall from time to time furnish the Committee of Finance with such information as they may require, and particularly before the close of every year with a full inventory of all the property in their respective positions.

(2) *Instruction*—

A Committee of Instruction, consisting of four members of the Board, who shall have supervision of the Educational Department, and shall enquire from time to time into the methods pursued in the instruction of the blind in other places.

(3) *Manufactures*—

A Committee of three on Manufactures to supervise the Manufacturing Department, supply that department with raw material, and dispose of the articles manufactured.

(4) *House*—

A House Committee on Supplies, Repairs and Improvements, to have supervision of all matters connected with the supply of provisions, clothing and other necessaries; the regulation of the domestic arrangements of the Institution, and care of the building and grounds.

(5) *General Duties*—

Each Standing Committee shall visit the Institution at least once a month and arrange for one of their number to do so weekly. They shall have the entire and conclusive control, subject only to the full Board, over the department allotted to them; shall keep a book in the Institution, in which all their proceedings shall be entered, and especially all requisitions, instructions and orders given to the Super-

intendent or other officers shall be clearly set down therein, for the prevention of any misunderstanding regarding the same. The Chairman shall be bound to see that the duties of his committee are in every respect fully performed, and shall furnish the Board whenever required with the minutes of their proceedings, and all other information required.

VI.—Duties of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securities belonging to the Institution, and shall be *ex officio* a member of the Committee of Finance; shall deposit all monies of the Institution, and pay, by cheques drawn thereon, all bills certified by the Chairman or any Standing Committee. He shall present at every stated meeting in each year a full report for the year, and in such forms as the Board may prescribe.

VII.—Duties of the Corresponding Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Institution and submit the same at each stated meeting of the Board. He shall file at the Institution all letters received by him or the Board, and copies of all letters written by him, and keep the same under his charge for the exclusive use of the Board.

Duties of the Recording Secretary.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board, and enter the same in Book of Minutes; shall prepare and issue all notices required in conducting the business of the Institution; and communicate all resolutions of the Board to the Committee or officer affected thereby.

He shall have the custody of the seal, and use the same only as directed by the Board of Managers.

He shall see that all by-laws of the Institution are properly recorded in a book kept for that purpose; shall file at the Institution all reports and papers submitted to the Board or placed in his custody, and safely keep them for the exclusive use of the Board.

Whenever the Secretary is mentioned in any by-law, resolutions or other proceedings, it shall mean the Recording Secretary.

In his absence the Managers shall appoint one of their number to act *pro tempore.*

IX.—Admission of Pupils.

(1) *General Terms—*

Young blind persons of good moral character between the ages of ten and twenty-one, may be admitted to the Institution in accordance with the provisions of the Acts in relation to the Education of the Blind.

Their friends may visit them at reasonable times under the regulation of the Board.

(2) *Day Scholars—*

The Board may, at their discretion, receive day scholars upon such terms and conditions as they may prescribe.

(3) *Forms, &c.*

Applications for admission must be addressed to the Recording Secretary, at the School, and made upon the forms and in accordance with the directions prescribed by the Board.

CONSOLIDATED ACTS

In relation to the Education of the Blind of Nova Scotia.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:

1.—The parents or guardian of any blind person between the age of ten and twenty-one years, who has under the provisions of Chap. 33 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 4th Series, a settlement within any County or District of the Provinces incorporated by Chap. I, Statutes of 1879, may apply to the Warden of such Municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School for the Blind, which order the Warden shall at once grant under his hand and the corporate seal of the Municipality on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed, and has a legal settlement in the Municipality.

2.—Such order shall entitle a blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax School for the Blind and subject to conditions hereinafter described, to be educated and boarded therein during the school terms. Pupils under thirteen years of age when entering the School shall be entitled to remain seven years; those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen years shall be entitled to remain five years, and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one to remain three years.

3.—For every blind person received into the Halifax School for the Blind, pursuant to this Act, educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasurer at the rate of seventy-five dollars per annum, payable half-yearly, and also to receive at the same rate from the County School Fund of the Municipality to which the said blind person belongs. When such Municipality shall not comprise an entire County, the last mentioned grant of seventy-five dollars shall be charged against the County School Funds of both Districts included within the County in proportion to the amounts of their respective school allowance derived from the County School Fund.

4.—It shall be the duty of the Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind to furnish semi-annually to the Council of Public Instruction full returns of the names, ages, residences, &c., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.

5.—In the semi-annual apportionment of the County School Fund the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of the Halifax School of the Blind, and issue the drafts therefor on the Treasury of the respective Municipalities.

6.—The Provincial Secretary shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board of Managers of the School for the Blind.

7.—In the case of an incorporated city or town within the Province in which any such blind person as is designated in the first Section of this Act has a legal settlement, an allowance to the Board of Managers of the said School of seventy-five dollars per annum shall be assessed upon the inhabitants of said city or town, in case such city or town does not contribute or draw from the County School Fund, and in such case said sum shall be paid to the said Managers for each such blind person sent to the said School, and each such blind person shall be admitted to said School in the manner prescribed in the first Section of this Act, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the Warden of the Municipality; and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury, for such blind persons for which such city or town contributes such allowance, the sum of seventy-five dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of this Act.

8.—The Governor-in-Council, upon being satisfied that an applicant has a settlement within the Province, and has no means for paying the expenses of his or her education, may, by Order-in-Council, upon recommendation of the Board of Managers, make the provisions of said Act apply to any blind person over the age of twenty-one years. Such an Order-in-Council shall entitle the blind person to be received on the same terms as persons mentioned in the first and second sections of said Act.

9.—The Governor-in-Council shall have authority by Order-in-Council, upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, to extend the time of any pupil who has entered under the provisions of this chapter.

10.—The parents or guardians of any blind person between the age of ten and twenty-one years, who has not the settlement referred to in Section 1 of Chapter 17 of the Acts of 1882, may, nevertheless, apply to the Warden of the Municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School for the Blind; and if the Warden be satisfied that such parents or guardian have or has *bona fide* settled in the Municipality, with the intention of remaining, the Warden may grant such order, which shall have the same force and effect as an order given under the provisions of the said Section.

11.—In the case of any person who has been admitted to the Halifax School for the Blind, or on whose behalf application for admission to such School has been made, who has no settlement within any County or District of the Province as required by Section 1 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, the Provincial Secretary, if satisfied that such person is fairly chargeable to the Province, may pay, or agree to pay, to the Board of Managers of the said School the same sum as is allowed from the Provincial Treasury in the case of a person admitted under the provisions of the said chapter and the amendments thereto.

AN ACT

Relating to the Education of the Blind of New Brunswick.

Chap. VIII, Acts of the General Assembly, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, as follows:—

1.—The Parents or Guardian of any blind person between the ages of ten and twenty-one years, who has, under the provisions of Chapter 102 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, a settlement within any County or City of the Province, may apply to the Warden of the Municipality or the Mayor of the City for an Order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School or any other Institution for the Blind approved by the Governor-in-Council, and the said Warden or Mayor on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed and has a legal settlement in the Municipality or City, shall at once grant such order for admission as aforesaid under his hand and the corporate seal of the Municipality or City, and forward the same to the Provincial Secretary for his approval to be endorsed thereon.

2.—Such order so approved by the Provincial Secretary shall entitle the blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, and subject to conditions hereinafter prescribed, to be educated and boarded therein during the school terms. Pupils under thirteen years of age, when entering the school, shall be entitled to remain seven years; those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen shall be entitled to remain five years; and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years to remain three years.

3.—For every blind person received into the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind, approved as aforesaid, pursuant to this Act, and educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of such School or Institution for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial

Treasurer, at the rate of seventy-five dollars per annum, payable half-yearly, and also to receive at the same rate from the County School Fund of the Municipality to which the said blind person belongs. This section to apply to the blind persons in attendance at the Halifax Institution at the time of the passing of this Act.

4.—The Board of Managers of the said Halifax School, or other Institution for the Blind approved as aforesaid, shall furnish semi-annually on the first day of January and July in each year, to the Chief Superintendent of Education of the Province of New Brunswick, full returns of the names, ages, residences, attendance, &c., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.

5.—In the semi-annual apportionment of the County School Fund, the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of any Institution for the Blind, and issue drafts therefor on the Treasurers of the respective Municipalities.

6.—In the case of any incorporated City or Town within the Province in which any blind person, as is designated in the first Section of this Act, has a legal settlement, and which City or Town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, there shall be paid by such City or Town to the Board of Managers of the said School an allowance of seventy-five dollars per annum, and such sum shall form part of the general assessment of such City or Town for each blind person sent to said School, and each such blind person sent to the said School shall be admitted to the said School in the manner prescribed in the first Section of this Act, the chief executive officer of the Corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the Warden of the Municipality, and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury for each such blind person, for which such City or Town contributes such allowance, the sum of seventy-five dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of this Act.

7.—The parents or guardian of any blind person between the ages of ten and twenty-one years who have or has not the settlement referred to in Section one of this Act, may, nevertheless, apply to the Warden of a Municipality or the Mayor of a City for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, and if the Warden or Mayor of a City be

satisfied that such parents or guardians have or has *bona fide* settled in the Municipality or City with the intention of remaining, the Warden or Mayor may grant such order in manner and form as prescribed in the first Section of this Act, which shall have the same force and effect as an order given under the provisions of the said Section.

8.—In the case of any person who has been admitted to the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, or on whose behalf application for admission to such School has been made, who has no settlement within any County or District of the Province as required by Section one of this Act, the Provincial Secretary, if satisfied that such person is fairly chargeable to the Province, may pay or agree to pay to the Board of Managers of the said School the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum from the Provincial Treasury.